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The Lutzkers: making anniversaries great on Aruba since 1977!



Karin and Aaron Lutzker

ORANJESTAD -- Karen Lutzker and her husband Aaron are enthusiastically loyal to their favorite vacation destination, Aruba. Recently they celebrated 54 years of wedded bliss at their favorite venue to do so, Swiss Chalet. The couple married in 1960 at the age of eighteen, "as soon as she was legal," quips Aaron, but according to law, he had to have his parents' permission!

Though married quite young, their union has stood the test of time, as has their de-

votion to their annual island vacation destination. They met while they were both applying and competing for the same job at age sixteen, a part-time position as a cashier in a market in their hometown of Far Rockaway, New York.

"I was the one to really pursue the position," explains Karen. "I made such a pest of myself, calling the market every day to find out if I got the job, they finally gave it to me. If anything, they admired my persistence."

However, it was Aaron, once romance began to bloom between them, who proved persistent. He returned to the market several weeks later to see what was happening on the job front, and Karen noticed "this very attractive young man, but I couldn't quite remember where I knew him from." She searched the market's aisles to find him, and struck up a conversation.

It appears Aaron was quite smitten as well, and pestered his mother for any excuse to stop by the market every day. "It could have been for a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs, but I found some way to see Karen and talk to her." Finally, she would find him waiting for her when her shift was done, ready to walk her home. The sweethearts married as soon as they were able, and have never regretted it. Aaron's devotion is such that he still carries their wedding picture in his wallet, as well as a photo of Karen on the beach taken during their first visit to Aruba nearly 40 years ago.

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Parliament passes law to fortify Central Bank

ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Finance, Juan David Yrausquin, went to Parliament last Wednesday with the concept of a new law called, "The concept law regarding the change of the Central Bank's decree (AB 1991 no. GT 32) and the anchoring of supervision regarding the responsibility of the Central Bank." This is a concept of the law to for-

tify the Central Bank with the necessary instruments to exercise her function effectively. This is a recommendation from international institutions with respect to the role our local Central Bank has to supervise financial institutions on Aruba.

This law entails the scope of supervision of the Central Bank as well as to regulate the

so-called responsibility of the Central Bank, in article 16A.

The Minister reminded the Parliamentarians that in the last few years the Central Bank has acquired many new tasks for not complying with the recommendations of the FATF with respect to money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

One aspect that has not been regulated is the aspects included in this law concept which has now been approved by Parliament. What is included in this law allows the directors and members of the board to work without having financial demands levied against them as they execute their work.

International norms say that we must put limitations to this type of financial demands, according to the Minister.

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"King Size" keeps Youth Roadmarch King title



Queen Jeeda, Queen Dancing Princess and King Size

ORANJESTAD -- After a heavy competition on Saturday at the Aruba Entertainment Center, 'King Size' managed to keep his Youth Roadmarch King title with "60 kippevel." Youth Calypso Queen is 'Jeeda' with her calypso 'O.'

In the children category, Calypso King is King Jamahni with "Dios cuida nos" and Roadmarch Queen is "Dancing Princess" with "Jump on the bus"

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ORANJESTAD -- As of October 1st 2013, the DIMAS has expanded their Help desk and Fast desk services. This expansion entails that DIMAS will continue issuing numbers on a continuous basis for their services, both in the morning and afternoon hours.

DIMAS wants to remind all clients of this change. This change means that every client can be certain to be attended according to the order of their arrival. The operating hours are 7:30 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If the client requests the service of the Help desk, the client will receive a red ticket and for the Fast desk they



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will receive a blue ticket. The Help desk attends to all complaints, submission of temporary/indefinite permits, proof of temporary admission to Aruba and restitution letter of the Post Office.

The Fast desk will attend to re-entry petitions, prolongation of tourist stayovers, restitution and duplicates. Bear in mind that one must comply with all the posted requirements.

The goal of distributing numbers continuously is to offer every client a more efficient and cordial service and to so doing avoid the agglomeration of persons. This way everyone will be sure to be attended to. DIMAS is putting all clients first place and central and is guaranteeing everyone great service, which they all deserves.

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Minister Yrausquin cited Curaçao and St. Maarten as examples that already have this rule, as well as Holland, the US, United Kingdom and almost all countries in the world. They all have this code for their Central Bank. The Minister reminded the Parliamentarians that his proposal is a recommendation by institutions such as the IMF and Basel Committee on Banking supervision, and that it is in this concept we want to make changes in the law in Parliament.

Yrausquin presented a letter dated back to 2010 in which the Central Bank of Aruba re-

quested this change in the law in question. We now want to comply with the Bank's petition to exercise her function optimally. Parliament must provide the Bank with the necessary instruments to do their work, primarily in view of the additional tasks given to her in the last few years to comply with international norms.

Following a debate which lasted two days, last Thursday evening late Parliament approved the change in the law presented by the Minister of Finance. There were 13 votes in favor and 6 against.

Social Formation program graduates 5 young men!



ORANJESTAD -- During a memorable ceremony on the patio of the Fort Zoutman in Oranjestad, certificates were presented to 5 young men who completed the Social Formation Program. The Prime Minister was on hand to make the presentation to each of the 5 young men.

These young people completed a training program which included military train-

ing and a trade's education. The five men are: Derik Burleson, Josue Dirksz, Rha-keem Samuel, Brian Orman and Sherman Zijlstra. They began the training in January 2013 as part of the 3rd group of the Social Formation Project. The 4th group is currently in the final phase, while group 5 has just begun. Registration for group 6 begins in August.

The best graduate was

Josue Dirksz of Mabon. He received a special plaque giving him the honor as the best graduate of his group. Leaders of the program, mothers and friends were present to share the satisfaction with these young men. The men of group 5 were also in attendance for the celebration. They were able to experience the special graduation moment that they can experience one day soon.

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Government presents reps of Aruba in KYP in Sint Maarten



ORANJESTAD -- As the coach for the Aruba Team, Minister of Education, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar introduced the young people that will be representing Aruba in Sint Maarten. Several weeks ago it was announced that the Dutch Kingdom has organized a celebration for their 200 year

existence. There will be a debate among all the partners in the Kingdom.

The goal is to discuss and dialogue concerning the future of Aruba as an island partner in the Dutch Kingdom, as well as the Dutch Kingdom in general. In the upcoming week the team will be invited to meet and greet and make appointments for the first of many training sessions. This is to give the team more confidence and to feel comfortable during the debate, according to the Minister.

"I am very enthusiastic about this project because it gives our young people a unique opportunity in their lives to be part of something this important," says Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. The team consists of: Marifer Aguirre

Broca, Quirinius Maduro, Tamae Bastien, Ann-Jilian de Haseth, Jochem Pennekamp, Aditya Gupta, Kawish Misler, Nurianne Helder, Jeremy Lannooij and Jady Brown.

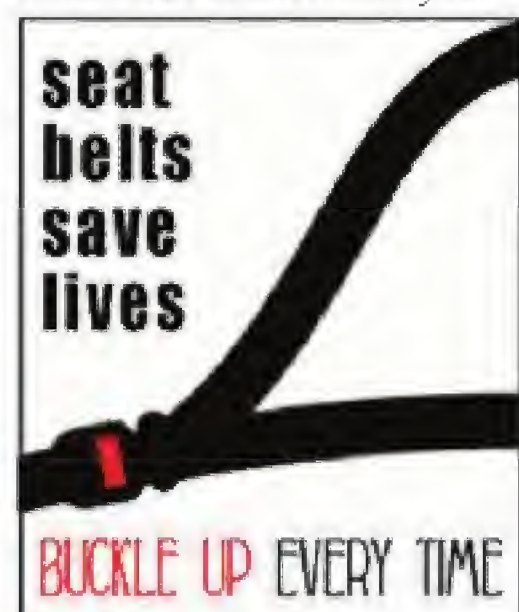
During the debate they will cover topics such as education, health, the environment, culture, security, movement...and much more. As part of their training, coordinated between the ministry of Education and the Youth Parliament, they will review terminology and the methods of debates, presentation skills, and group dynamics. They will also work on forming a peer to peer support system. This will help them in that those with the most experience can share their knowledge with other members of the team.

Residency appointments at DIMAS now only possible online

ORANJESTAD -- DIMAS wants to remind all persons that as of January 3rd appointments for application permits for residency are only possible online. To make an appointment online, one must follow the following steps:

- Find the DIMAS website: www.dimasaruba.com.
- Click on Cita (appointment).
- Click on the link which states "Traha un Cita" (make an appointment) at the end of this page.
- A Calendar will open for the following six (6) months.
- Click on the month in which you prefer to have your appointment.
- Click on the date and hour of your preference. Every day is divided into different time blocks. The time blocks that are still available are indicated in green.
- Fill out the registration form and click "save."
- Within a few minutes you will receive an email asking you to confirm your appointment by clicking on the link in the email.
- You must confirm your appointment within 6 hours after receiving the email, if not the appointment will be cancelled. As soon as you confirm your appointment, you will receive a confirmation of the date and time. Print this as proof that you have this appointment. You will also receive mail confirming your appointment and an option to cancel this.

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Paula Citro; Gerald and Lois Melane honored by Aruba



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very special and lovely lady at the Renaissance Ocean Suites as Ambassadors of Goodwill. The honoree was Mrs. Paula Citro from Toronto Canada.

A certificate was presented to her by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Linda Garcia and staff members of the Renaissance Ocean

Suites.

Also honored as Distinguished visitors of Aruba were Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Lois Melane from Davison Michigan. Gerald and Lois are loyal members of the Tropicana Resort.

They received their certificates from by Mr. Ernest Giel in presence of GM Mr. Brian Stedeford and Ms. Jacky Feliciano Assistant GM at the Tropicana Resort and Casino.

Post Aruba presents its first philatelic issue of 2014: International Culture (Salvador Dalí)



ORANJESTAD -- On January 17, 2014 Post Aruba issued its first philatelic issue of 2014: International Culture (Salvador Dalí). This issue consists of 6 stamps and 1 First Day Cover which were adapted by the local artist Michiko Takatsu, using images of the Salvador Dalí paintings. Hereunder there is a short description of the surrealist artist and the 6 stamps.

Salvador Dalí

The Spanish artist Salvador Domingo Felipe Jacinto Dalí i Domènech (May 11, 1904 – January 23, 1989), known as Salvador Dalí, was a groundbreaking icon of the Surrealist movement and one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. His work probed the unconscious world of thoughts, dreams and perception in fanciful and nightmarish images influenced by Freud, Cubism, Futurism and metaphysical art. Extraordinarily imaginative, Dalí also sculpted, and contributed to fashion, photography and theater. Nearly photographic, Dalí's art has been called the epitome of Surrealism.

Dalí was highly imaginative, and also enjoyed indulging in unusual and grandiose behavior. His eccentric manner and attention-grabbing public actions sometimes drew more attention than his artwork, to the dismay of those who held his work in high esteem, and to the irritation of his critics.

The Persistence of Memory / De volharding der herinnering (1931)

The Persistence of Memory is a 1931 painting by artist Salvador Dalí, and is one of his most recognizable works.

First shown at the Julien Levy Gallery in 1932, the painting has been in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City since 1934.

The well-known surrealist piece introduced the image of the soft melting pocket watch. It epitomizes Dalí's theory of "softness" and "hardness", which was central to his thinking at the time. As Dawn Ades wrote, "The soft watches are an unconscious symbol of the relativity of space and time, a Surrealist meditation on the collapse of our notions of a fixed cosmic order". This interpretation suggests that Dalí was incorporating an understanding of the world introduced by Albert Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity. Asked by Ilya Prigogine whether this was in fact the case, Dalí replied that the soft watches were not inspired by the theory of relativity, but by the surrealist perception of a Camembert cheese melting in the sun.

Surrealist Flowers / Surrealistische bloemen (1938)

This striking lithograph is from The Final Editions of the Salvador Dalí collection. This is a breathtaking work of hidden imagery. Posing with the classic lines of Master Dalí's wife and muse Gala, and in true Dalinian fashion, profiles and faces are buried within the bouquet of flowers creating a surrealist assemblage of fantastic creatures.

The Swallow's Tail / Zwaluwstaart (1983)

The Swallow's Tail — Series on Catastrophes was Salvador Dalí's last painting. It was completed in May 1983, as the final part of a series based on René Thom's (a French math-

ematician) catastrophe theory. The shape of Dalí's Swallow's Tail is taken directly from Thom's four-dimensional graph of the same title, combined with a second catastrophe graph, the s-curve that Thom dubbed, "the cusp".

In his 1979 speech, "Gala, Velázquez and the Golden Fleece", presented upon his 1979 induction into the prestigious Académie des Beaux-Arts of the Institut de France, Dalí described Thom's theory of catastrophes as "the most beautiful aesthetic theory in the world".

The Hallucinogenic Toreador / De hallucinogene toreador (1968-1970)

The Hallucinogenic Toreador is an oil painting. It is currently being exhibited at the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida. In this piece, Dalí transmits his wife's dislike for bullfighting. By combining symbolism with optical illusions and estranging yet familiar motifs, he creates his own visual language. His application of the paranoiac-critical method within this painting combines versatile images as an instructive example of his artistic creation.

The entire scene is contained within a bullfighting ring, submerged under a barrage of red and yellow tones, alluding tentatively to the colors of the Spanish flag. In the upper left section we observe a representational portrait of his wife, Gala, to whom he dedicated this piece. Her serious, rigid expression could be interpreted as a pictorial representation of her deep seated dislike for bullfighting. In the bottom left section there is a pattern of multicolored circles.

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This rectangular-shaped burst of colors immediately grasps the viewer's attention and steers it down towards the visibly emerging shape of a dying bull's head (probably Islero), dripping blood and saliva from its mouth.

The Elephants / De olifanten (1948)

The elephant is a recurring theme in the works of Dali, first appearing in his 1944 work *Dream Caused by the Flight of a Bee Around a Pomegranate a Second Before Awakening*, and also in "The Temptation of Saint Anthony" and "Swans Reflecting Elephants." "The Elephants" differs from the other paintings in that the animals are the primary focus of the work, with a barren graduated background and lack of other content, where most of Dali's paintings contain much detail and points of interest. The stork-legged elephant is one of the best-known icons of Dali's work and adorn the walls of the Dali Museum in Spain.

There are various cultural depictions of elephants, where they are often viewed as symbols of strength, dominance and power due to their bulk and weight. Dali contrasts these typical associations by giving the elephants long, spindly, almost arachnid-like legs, once described as "multi jointed, almost invisible legs of desire". Dali enhances the appearance of strength and weight by depicting the elephants carrying massive obelisks on their backs, however, on close inspection it can be seen that these weights are floating. The obelisks on the backs of the elephants are believed to be inspired by Gian Lorenzo Bernini's sculpture base in Rome of an elephant carrying an ancient obelisk, which was mentioned in sev-

eral communications of the artist, and thus can be considered a reliable claim.

Santiago El Grande / St. Jacob van Compostela (1957)

"Santiago El Grande" is Spanish for St. James the Great, and here Dali pays spectacular tribute to the Apostle St. James, the patron saint of Spain. He's shown astride a monumental rearing steed that rises victorious from the sea, dappled in scallop shells, as his – and the entire painting's – upward motion signifies Christ's, and ultimately man's, ascension toward Heaven. The crucified Christ figure is one of the most glorious ever captured on canvas, complete with radiant bands of eternal light emanating from his perfect form – here replacing the sword, often seen in statues of the same heroic theme.

Among other marvelous details in this iconic religious masterwork is yet another portrait of Gala, seen in the lower right corner. And in the hind quarters of the stunningly life-like horse, we see an atomic cloud burst, reflecting Dali's interest in then-new discoveries in nuclear physics and his deepening belief that science and Christianity had more in common than had previously been thought. At the center of the atomic cloud mass is a sweetly painted jasmine flower – a symbol of purity and harmony, and a favorite of Dali, which he'd sometimes place behind his ears or upon the tips of his legendary mustache!

Anyone who wishes to have this issue can obtain it at the Post Aruba offices in Oranjestad, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, San Nicolas, Santa Cruz, and Harbour Area as of January 17, 2014, until January 16, 2015.

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With Chalet Swiss co-owner Renn

Karen's enthusiasm for the island blossomed into one of the very first destination wedding operations to provide wedding planning services for Aruba to prospective brides and grooms. She named it Cayana Weddings, for the Papiamentu name of the hibiscus flower, as she wanted it to be distinctly Aruban. Partnering with Edwina Werlemen, they promoted the concept of memorable, elegant ceremonies on the beach, for which the island is ideal. They also worked very closely with many of the hotels, long before they organized their own departments with dedicated wed-

ding planners. "I think it is very reassuring for young couples planning a wedding to have someone present in the U.S. for them to speak to personally, and then another on the island to implement their plans. Nowadays, I work with Dream Weddings, and we truly enjoy sharing this very happy time with our clients, be it a wedding, bar mitzvah, or a renewal of vows."

Karen and Aaron look forward every year

to celebrating their anniversary on Aruba, and even did a renewal of vows here for their Golden Jubilee. "I decided on a winter wedding date, even though everyone had to brave the ice and snow, so we could go away on our honeymoon to a sunny destination, and make it a winter escape," she explains. "We honeymooned in Miami Beach, but once we discovered Aruba, it became our prime destination, and we purchased timesharing in Casa Del Mar as soon as it was ready. Now we look forward to sharing our anniversary celebration with dear friends, like Renny of Chalet Swiss, who always treats us like family and makes it special."



Democratic lawmaker leading Christie probe should step aside

NEW YORK -- The Democratic lawmaker leading an investigation of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is not impartial and ought to step aside, Christie ally Rudy Giuliani said yesterday.

In an interview on NBC's Meet the Press, Giuliani said state Assemblyman John Wisniewski, the head of the special legislative committee investigating the closing of lanes leading to the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee, N.J., is "no longer an impartial arbiter of the facts" because he had announced that did not believe Christie, "the person who's the ultimate focus of the investigation."

Giuliani said Wisniewski "should not be handling this investigation. It gives it no sense of credibility" and is "a partisan witch hunt."

The former New York mayor said the Democrats have mounted "a very, very well-orchestrated Democratic kind of organizational effort to try to hurt Gov. Christie, who was the only Republican who was beating Hillary Clinton in any poll at any time."

Christie and Clinton are potential adversaries in the 2016 presidential election.

Christie, embroiled in a scandal over manufactured traffic jams in New Jersey, faced additional accusations yesterday of political strong arming that have sullied his image as a presidential contender.

The Democratic mayor of the Hoboken, New Jersey, Dawn Zimmer, accused the Republican governor of threatening to withhold money for Hurricane Sandy relief from

her Democratic stronghold city unless she approved a Rockefeller redevelopment plan which he supported.

"The lieutenant governor came and very directly said to me that these two things are connected," Zimmer told CNN, referring to a planned 40-story office tower and commercial development in Hoboken.

"She said that this was a direct message from the governor."

Clashes erupt in Kiev after defiant mass protest

KIEV (AFP) - Clashes between police and protesters raged in the center of the Ukrainian capital Kiev yesterday after 200,000 defied new restrictions on protests to turn out for a new rally against President Viktor Yanukovich.

Several hours of the bloody clashes left dozens injured and further raised stakes in the almost two month-standoff between the opposition and Yanukovich which has seen protesters seize control of the center of Kiev.

The US embassy in Kiev urged an end to the violence. In a statement it called on the Ukrainian government to "immediately start negotiations with all sides to resolve the political standoff, address protesters' concerns, and prevent violence from spreading".

Ukrainian police used tear

gas, stun grenades and water cannon in a bid to disperse the hundreds of people who sought to storm police cordons near the Verkhovna Rada parliament in the capital, witnesses and AFP correspondents said.

In some of the most violent scenes since the start of the protests, demonstrators rocked police buses outside the Verkhovna Rada and set two of them on fire while the air filled with the stench of tear gas.

Their faces covered by scarves or ski masks, many of the protesters wielded sticks or even chains amid temperatures of minus seven degrees Celsius. They were confronted by helmeted riot police equipped with shields.

Health officials said 24 people were injured and three were hospitalised, while police said more than 30 officers were hurt

and 10 hospitalised. Police insisted the water cannon was used to douse flames on the buses and not against protesters.

The flames from the blazing police bus lit up the evening sky while the thud of smoke bombs and stun grenades echoed around.

In what amounted to a pitched battle, the protesters threw stones and Molotov cocktails as they sought to penetrate police lines whenever the tear gas and smoke cleared.

Opposition leaders including former boxing champion Vitali Klitschko and Arseniy Yatsenyuk called on the protesters to refrain from using force but their calls were ignored. He urged the president to "call early elections so that the situation does not get any worse".




HERAT : AFP photo shows an Afghan drug addict smoking heroin in the city of Herat. Afghanistan is the source of over 90 percent of the illicit opium in the world and in addition to the illicit cultivation, manufacture and export of heroin, the country faces the problem of rising domestic drug abuse with at least a million people addicted to heroin, according to research by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). (AFP PHOTO)



HYERES-LES-PALMIERS : Rescue workers use a boat as they evacuate people from their homes in the Oratoire neighborhood of Hyeres-Les-Palmiers on January 19, 2014. One man died yesterday and more than 150 people had to be airlifted to safety after floods struck southeastern France, local authorities said, due to heavy rainfall and the overflow of the Gapeau river. A second man disappeared while out on his boat and 4,000 homes have been left without power after the inundations in the department of Var. (AFP PHOTO)



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, Boali : French soldiers taking part in 'Operation Sangaris' stand guard at the Boali church, where hundreds of Muslims took refuge, on January 19, 2014 in Boali, some 100km north of Bangui. Fresh fighting broke out in the strife-torn Central African Republic on the eve of an announcement on Sunday of the candidates seeking to become the new interim president. Sectarian violence has gripped the landlocked country after a March 2013 coup launched by the mostly Muslim Seleka rebels, and the UN has warned that the bloodshed could turn into genocide. (AFP)



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Amsterdam's prosecutor slams police, judges lax approach to pimps

THE HAGUE - Amsterdam public prosecutor Jolanda de Boer has slammed police and the courts for not being tough enough on pimps, saying they continue to play down violence and forced prostitution.

De Boer made the comments during the trial of two Hungarian men accused of trafficking women, the Parool newspaper reported.

Demanding the two be jailed for 12 and six years, De Boer said the current case 'cannot be seen in isolation from the very mild sentencing' in the earlier case. This was despite the brutal actions of the men and the 'serious violence and threats made against

five young women,' she said.

De Boer went on to criticise brothel owners for the 'shameless' way they require 'vulnerable young women to work double shifts, seven days a week.' 'It is apparently considered quite normal that girls who are sometimes just 13 years old are working 130 hours a week.

The two Hungarians, Tamas R, aged 35, and Gyorgy M, aged 52, should be jailed for 12 and six years, De Boer told the court. The investigation led to the release of eight young women who had been forced to work in Amsterdam's red light district.

Top Ghanaian journalist Komla Dumor dies at 41



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LONDON (AFP) - BBC presenter Komla Dumor, one of Ghana's best known journalists, has died suddenly at the age of 41, his family have said. The BBC said Dumor, a presenter on its World News channel and its "Focus on Africa" programme, suffered a heart attack at his London home on Saturday. Ghana's President John Dramani Mahama said on his Twitter page that the nation had lost "one of its finest ambassadors". The journalist's family said in a statement on Saturday: "The Dumor, Gbeho and allied families with deep sorrow announce the passing of our beloved Komla Dumor today in London. He joined the BBC as a radio host in 2007 after a decade of journalism in Ghana. He moved to BBC television in 2009, anchoring live coverage of major events including the funeral of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il and the wedding of Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton. He covered the death of Nelson Mandela in December, describing it as "one of the moments that will stay with me". He used to say: "There's so much more to tell about Africa than the usual stories about war, famine and disease."

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US lawmakers say Snowden was 'helped' by foreign power

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Edward Snowden may have acted in concert with a foreign power in exposing US surveillance programs, two Republican lawmakers suggested.

"I think there are some interesting questions we have to answer that certainly would lend one to believe that the Russians had at least in some part something to do" with the affair, House Intelligence Committee chairman Mike Rogers told CBS's "Face the Nation."

Rogers, a Republican, said

"everything from how he prepared to leave, his route of departure and how he quickly ended up in Moscow" put Snowden's ties at question.

The "vast majority" of the information leaked by Snowden, Rogers said "had nothing to do with the NSA program and everything to do with our military capabilities, army, navy, air force, marines."

Rogers, appearing in a second interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," said he didn't think "it was a gee-whiz luck event that he ended up in Moscow

under the handling of the FSB" state security agency in Russia.

Michael McCaul, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, told ABC's "This Week" that he didn't believe "Mr Snowden was capable of doing everything himself.

"I believe he was helped by others," the congressman said in an interview from Moscow.

McCaul, a Republican, said he could not say "definitively" that Russia was involved, "but I believe he was cultivated."

US lawmakers concerned about threats to Winter Olympics

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmakers raised concerns Sunday about the threat of attacks at the upcoming Winter Olympics in Sochi, with one faulting Russia for not sharing intelligence.

"The threats are real. They are basically calling for attacks on the Olympics. I think you're going to see attempts to do that," said Michael McCaul, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, in an interview from Moscow with ABC's "This Week."

McCaul said Russian authorities were taking the threats seriously, deploying 100,000 security officials to

erect a "ring of steel" to secure the Sochi airport, mountain trains and the Games themselves.

If there were attacks, he said, they would more likely be directed at soft targets like transportation.

The Republican congressman added that the diplomatic security corps said it was getting good cooperation from the Russians, and noted that two dozen FBI agents were assigned to the games.

Another key congressman, House Intelligence Committee chairman Mike Rogers, said Russian authorities were clearly concerned about security

"But we don't seem to be getting all of the information we need to protect our athletes in the games," he said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Rogers, a Republican, said the Russians' unwillingness to share information with US intelligence was "a departure of cooperation that is very concerning to me."

"So what we're finding is they aren't giving us the full story about what are the threat streams, who do we need to worry about," the lawmaker said.

The Games open February 7 in Sochi, a resort city on the Black Sea coast.

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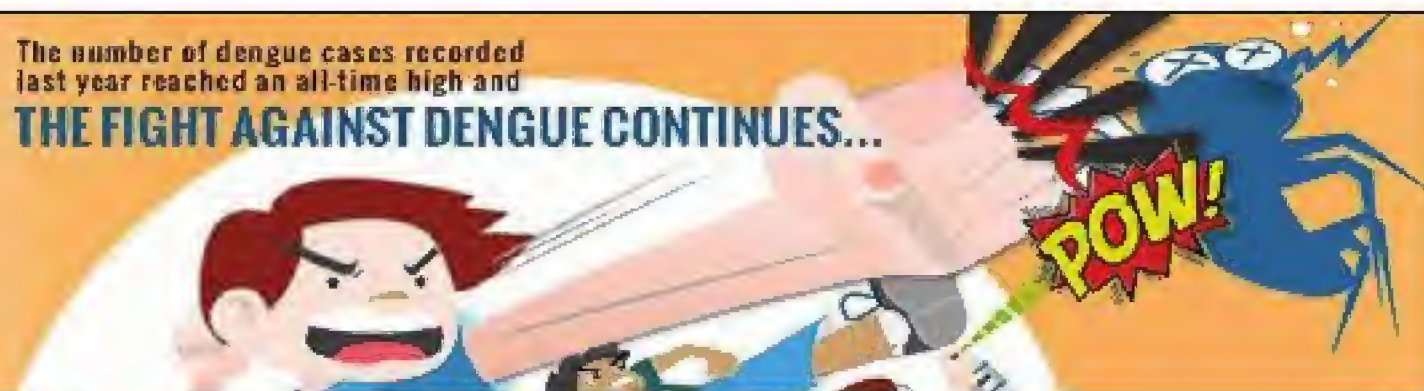
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Thousands protest abortion in Paris



PARIS (AFP) - Thousands of people protested abortion in France in a Paris rally Sunday on the eve of a parliamentary debate on a bill that would make terminations of pregnancy easier.

Organisers, among them rightwing religious groups, anti-gay activists and associations for handicapped children, claimed 40,000 people took part. Police put their number at 16,000.

The demonstration was inspired by changes in Spain, where the conservative government last month, under pressure from the Catholic Church, agreed to draft a bill that would ban abortions except in cases of rape or threat to the mother's health.

France's leftwing-dominated parliament is on Monday to start debating a bill that would permit a woman to obtain an abortion if she does not wish to pursue her pregnancy. Current law requires her to show that having a baby would put her "in a situation of distress".

The bill would also punish those who try to prevent a woman from entering places where she can receive information on abortion.

France records around 220,000 abortions a year and it is estimated around one Frenchwoman in three undergoes the procedure in her lifetime. Since a year ago, abortions are reimbursed under the state health system.

S.Korea on alert after bird flu confirmed

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea stepped up the culling of poultry and enforced strict quarantine measures Saturday to stop the country's first outbreak of bird flu in three years from spreading, officials said. Some 21,000 ducks on a poultry farm in Gochang in North Jeolla Province -- 300 kilometres (187 miles) southwest of Seoul -- were culled after avian influenza was found there, the agriculture ministry said. Ducks were found on Friday to have been infected with a highly pathogenic form of avian influenza and a tight sanitary cordon has been established around the farm. The culling of 60,000 ducks at nearby farms has also begun and a probe into the deaths of about 1,000 migratory birds in a reservoir in Gochang has been opened, the ministry added. Quarantine measures were also enforced at 24 other farms in four different provinces that were known to have purchased ducks from the Gochang farm.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."



Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Beyonce, John Legend fete Michelle Obama at birthday bash

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Michelle Obama's 50th birthday bash featured musical performance by popstars Beyonce and John Legend, according to one prominent guest on Sunday.

"Amazing. Incredible party," said political analyst Donna Brazile, speaking to CNN the morning after about the hush-hush festivities, about which few details were made known in advance.

"Childhood friends there. People from the administration," she said about the fete at the White House.

"The most important thing is Beyonce performed, and I have to tell you, John Legend sang 'Happy Birthday,'" said Brazile, a longtime Democratic Party operative who ran Al Gore's unsuccessful presidential campaign in 2000.

"The most moving tribute came (from) (President)

Barack Obama, who talked about the woman he met and fell in love with," Brazile said of Saturday's gala birthday celebration.

CNN reported that the party lasted until at least 2 am, and was attended by actor Samuel L. Jackson, singer Smokey Robinson and basketball legend Magic Johnson.

Michelle Obama turned 50 on Friday to great national fanfare, including magazine interviews and television profiles of her life and her role in history as America's first African American first lady.

Closely watched as a fashion icon, and for social causes that include working with military families and fighting against childhood obesity, the first lady has polled a 65 percent popularity rate -- a good 20 points higher than her husband's.

'American Hustle' takes home top SAG award

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - (L-R) Actors Jeremy Renner, Elisabeth Rohm, Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence and Amy Adams accept the Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture award for 'American Hustle' onstage during the 20th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at The Shrine Auditorium yesterday. Australian



Cate Blanchett won best actress for her role in Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine," while Matthew McConaughey took home best actor for AIDS activist movie "Dallas Buyers Club." Jared Leto won best supporting actor for his role in "Dallas Buyers Club" and best supporting actress went to Lupita Nyong'o in the harrowing drama "12 Years a Slave." On the small screen, best drama went to cult series "Breaking Bad" and best comedy to "Modern Family." The SAGs, the latest show in Hollywood's glitzy annual awards season, are seen as one of the better indicators of prospects for the Academy Awards, Tinseltown's most coveted honors, which will be held on March 2. "American Hustle," based on a 1970s FBI sting operation known as ABSCAM, topped the winners at last weekend's Golden Globes with three awards and has 10 Oscar nominations. On Saturday in Los Angeles it added to its growing acclaim with Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture -- the SAGs equivalent of best film. In the television categories, Michael Douglas won best actor in a miniseries or TV movie for his portrayal of flamboyant entertainer Liberace in "Behind the Candelabra," with Matt Damon as his young gay lover. Britain's Helen Mirren won the female equivalent for HBO's "Phil Spector," in which she played the lawyer for the erratic music producer on trial for murder, played by Al Pacino. "I was terrified of working with Al Pacino," Mirren said backstage afterwards.

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A world without antibiotics? The risk is real: experts

PARIS (AFP) - Humans face the very real risk of a future without antibiotics, a world of plummeting life expectancy where people die from diseases easily treatable today, scientists say.

Experts tracking the rise of drug resistance say years of health gains could be rolled back by mutating microbes that make illnesses more difficult and expensive to cure and carry a higher risk of death.

Some say the threat to well-being is on the scale of global warming or terrorism -- yet resistance is being allowed to spread through an entirely preventable means -- improper use of antibiotics.

"It is a major public health problem," Patrice Courvalin, who heads the Antibacterial Agents Unit of France's Pasteur Institute, told AFP. "It is about more than not being able to treat a disease. It will erase much progress made in the last 20-30 years."

Without antibiotics to tackle opportunistic bacteria that pose a particular risk for people who are very ill, major surgery, organ transplants or cancer and leukaemia treatment may become impossible, he explained.

"In some parts of the world, already we have run out of antibiotics," said Timothy Walsh, a professor of medical microbiology at Cardiff University.

"In places in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, possibly Russia, Southeast Asia, central South America, we are at the end game. There's nothing left. And unfortunately there is nothing in the pipeline either."

Resistance to drugs emerges through changes in the bacterium's genetic code -- altering the target on its surface to which



antibiotics would normally bind, making the germ impenetrable or allowing it to destroy or "spit out" the antibiotic.

These super-germs triumph through Darwinian pressure, helped by humans.

The wrong antibiotics, taken for too short a period, in too low a dose or stopped too early, will fail to kill the altered microbes.

Instead, the drugs will indiscriminately damage other bacteria and give the resistant strain a competitive advantage -- allowing it to dominate and spread.

At the base of the problem is doctors prescribing antibiotics wrongly or unnecessarily, and the ease with which medicines can be obtained without a script in some parts of the world, including Asia and Africa.

As much as 70 percent of antibiotics are given for viral infections, against which they are wholly ineffective, the experts say.

Then there is the problem of farmers in countries like the United States adding antibiotics to animal feed to help

herds grow faster.

Compounding all of this is the rise in global travel -- a boon for bacterial spread, and a sharp drop in antibiotics development blamed on a lack of financial incentives for the pharmaceutical industry.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) says drug resistance "threatens a return to the pre-antibiotic era".

"Many infectious diseases risk becoming untreatable or uncontrollable," it states in a factsheet on antimicrobial resistance.

A case in point: some 450,000 people developed multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB in 2012 and 170,000 died from it. MDR TB does not respond to the most potent TB drugs -- isoniazid and rifampin.

Nearly 10 percent of MDR cases are thought to be of the even deadlier XDR (extensively drug resistant) variety which does not respond to a yet wider range of drugs.

Like other drug-resistant microbes, MDR and XDR TB can be transferred directly between people -- you can get it even if you have never taken anti-

otics in your life.

Another worry for health planners today is the spread of a multi-drug resistant strain of the bacterium *Klebsiella pneumoniae* -- a common cause of infections of the urinary tract, respiratory tract and bloodstream, and a frequent source of hospital outbreaks.

In some parts of the world, only the carbapenem antibiotics class remains effective, but now signs are emerging of resistance even to this last line of defence.

Antibiotics are thought to have saved hundreds of millions of lives since Alexander Fleming first discovered penicillin in 1928.

But even Fleming's own warnings of impending drug resistance went unheeded, and now scientists say people may start dying from infections like meningitis and septicemia that are eminently curable today.

The answer? Prudent drug use -- better and faster diagnosis to determine whether an infection is viral or bacterial and whether it is even susceptible to treatment.

Farmers must stop feeding antibiotics to their livestock, and hospital and individuals improve their hygiene to prevent bacterial spread.

Astronomers 'see' strands of cosmic web



PARIS (AFP) - Astronomers said Sunday they had for the first time seen the gas strands theorised to hold the universe together in a "cosmic web".

They had used the intense radiation generated by a quasar -- a byproduct of a supermassive black hole -- acting as a type of cosmic flashlight to illuminate part of the vast filament network.

Cosmologists believe that matter between galaxies is distributed in a network of strands known as the cosmic web.

The vast majority of atoms in the universe are thought to reside in this web as hydrogen left over from the Big Bang, and galaxies are believed to form at network nodes.

"This is the first time anyone has been able to capture an image of the cosmic web, demonstrating its filamentary structure," said astronomy doctoral student Fabrizio Arignani Battaia, who took part in the observations at the Keck Observatory in Hawaii.

The team had focused on massive nebula, or deep-space cloud, where the strands intersect.

They could study the nebula thanks to illumination provided by a quasar -- radiation generated by cosmic matter falling into a galaxy's central supermassive black hole -- with the aid of computer light filters.

Quasars are the most luminous objects in the universe.

"In this case, we were lucky that the flashlight is pointing right at the cosmic web, making some of its gas glow," said researcher Sebastiano Cantalupo of the University of California in Santa Cruz.

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Panama Canal expansion to proceed no matter what, says official



COLON : AFP photo shows the Panama Canal locks in Colon, 110 km northwest of Panama City, under construction on January 17, 2014. Work to expand the Panama Canal will proceed despite a financial dispute that could derail the project, canal administrator Jorge Quijano said. The Grupo Unidos por el Canal (GUPC) consortium led by Spanish builder Sacyr --which includes Italian, Belgian and Panamanian companies-- has threatened to suspend the expansion work by today unless Panama pays for \$1.6 billion in "unforeseen" costs. Already facing delays, the project aims to make the 80-kilometer (50-mile) waterway, which handles five percent of global maritime trade, big enough to handle new cargo ships that can carry 12,000 containers. However, Quijano said that talks have begun with other companies in case the contract with GUPC falls through.

France clears Bermuda, Jersey on tax fraud cooperation

PARIS (AFP) - France has removed Bermuda and Jersey from a list of states that are uncooperative in efforts to combat tax fraud, according to a finance ministry decree published yesterday.

The change took effect on January 1 under an accord "allowing the exchange of all necessary information and the application of tax legislation", according to the decree published in an official gazette.

The Socialist head of the French parliament's foreign affairs committee, Elisabeth Guigou, and the party's general

rapporteur on budget issues, Christian Eckert, were quick to denounce the accord in a statement as "unjustified".

The Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, which met in Jakarta in November, deemed the two states "largely compliant", stopping short of the top rating of "compliant".

The forum, under the aegis of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, rates jurisdictions on how well they comply with rules on tax transparency.

At the instigation of many advanced countries, the Paris-based OECD has spearheaded a clampdown on tax evasion and the concealment of illicit funds.

The movement to scrap banking secrecy policies in Liechtenstein and other well-known "tax havens", such as neighbouring Switzerland, arose after the financial crisis of 2008 and subsequent euro-zone debt crisis, as cash-strapped countries began going more aggressively after tax evaders and the banks that helped them.

Still on the list of non-compliant countries or territories, which is updated yearly, are the British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Montserrat, Botswana, Guatemala, Nauru, the Marshall Islands and Niue.



CONDOM : AFP picture shows a phone booth in Condom, southwestern France. Phone booths are due to partially disappear in France, because of lack of profitability and in most cases, lack of utility. French operator Orange - formerly France Telecom - owner of the booths, plans to gradually withdraw them, leaving at least one functioning booth in towns over 1000 inhabitants.

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Aruba Chambero of Commerce: Moderate positive economic outlook for 2014

ORANJESTAD -- Looking back at what 2013 brought about for the Aruban economy, one may observe that the first complete year - without an oil refinery operating on the island - went reasonably well.

On the positive side, tourism performance compensated partially for the loss of the refinery, growing considerably. Logically, this was not enough to do away with all the unemployment caused by the refinery shutdown in 2012. A decrease of approximately 3% in payroll tax during the first 10 months of the year - compared to the same period during 2012 - is an indication that unemployment may still be on the high side. The opening of the Ritz Carlton hotel in late November 2013 may have brought along a positive change in unemployment figures; however, the chronic lack of reliable unemployment statistics hampers a clear view of the current situation.

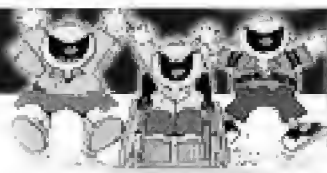
The other government revenue figures, which may serve as parameters for economic

growth, are on the positive side. The turnover tax (BBO) showed a little improvement of 1.2% during the abovementioned period, compared to 2012, while import duties presented a considerable increase of over 3% in that same period of time. Together with a deflation during the entire year - mostly due to a decrease in electricity and water tariffs - 2013 may go into the books with a moderate increase of real GDP.

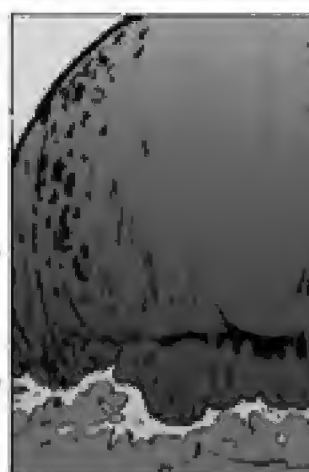
For 2014, the upstart of various relatively large scale projects, such as the expansion of the hospital, the freeway connecting the airport and the hotel area in Oranjestad, and the construction of the "Green Corridor" (a new freeway between the airport and San Nicolas), may create the basis for increased investments and economic growth. However, one should keep in mind that these projects are boosting employment only temporarily, as no permanent economic activity, nor employment, will be created by their implementation alone.

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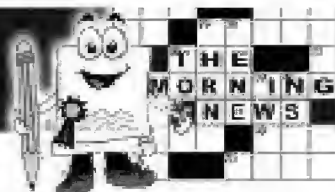
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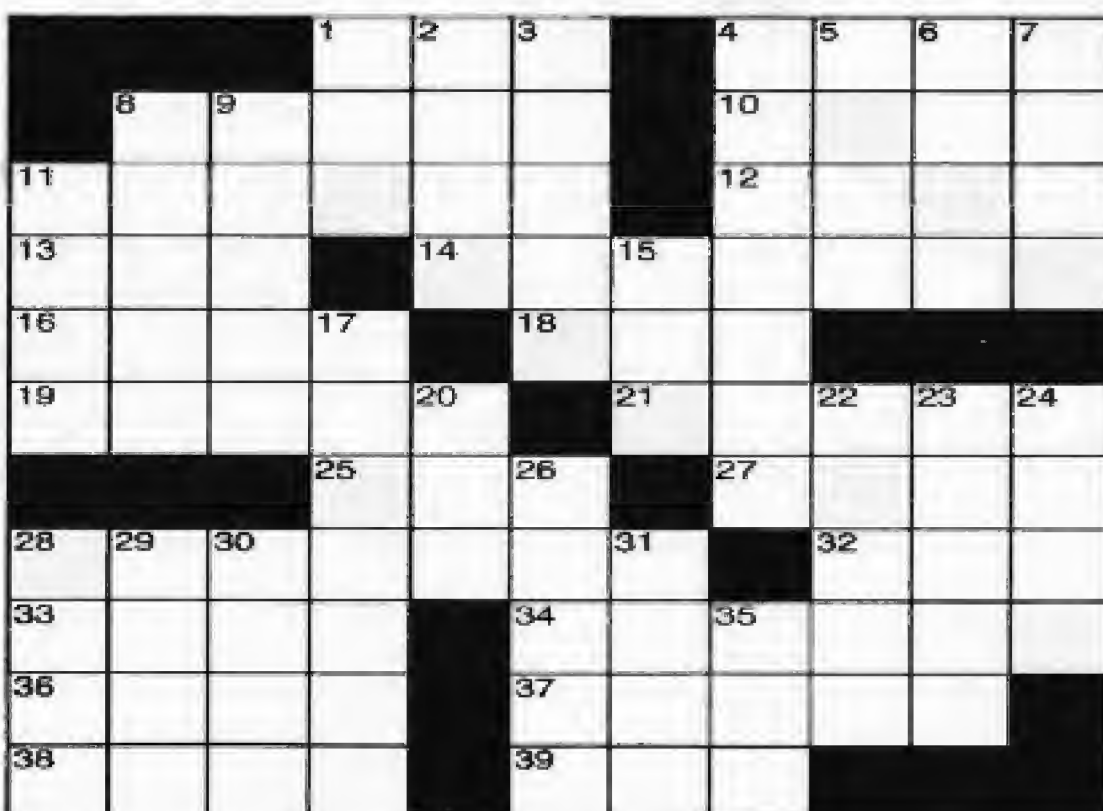
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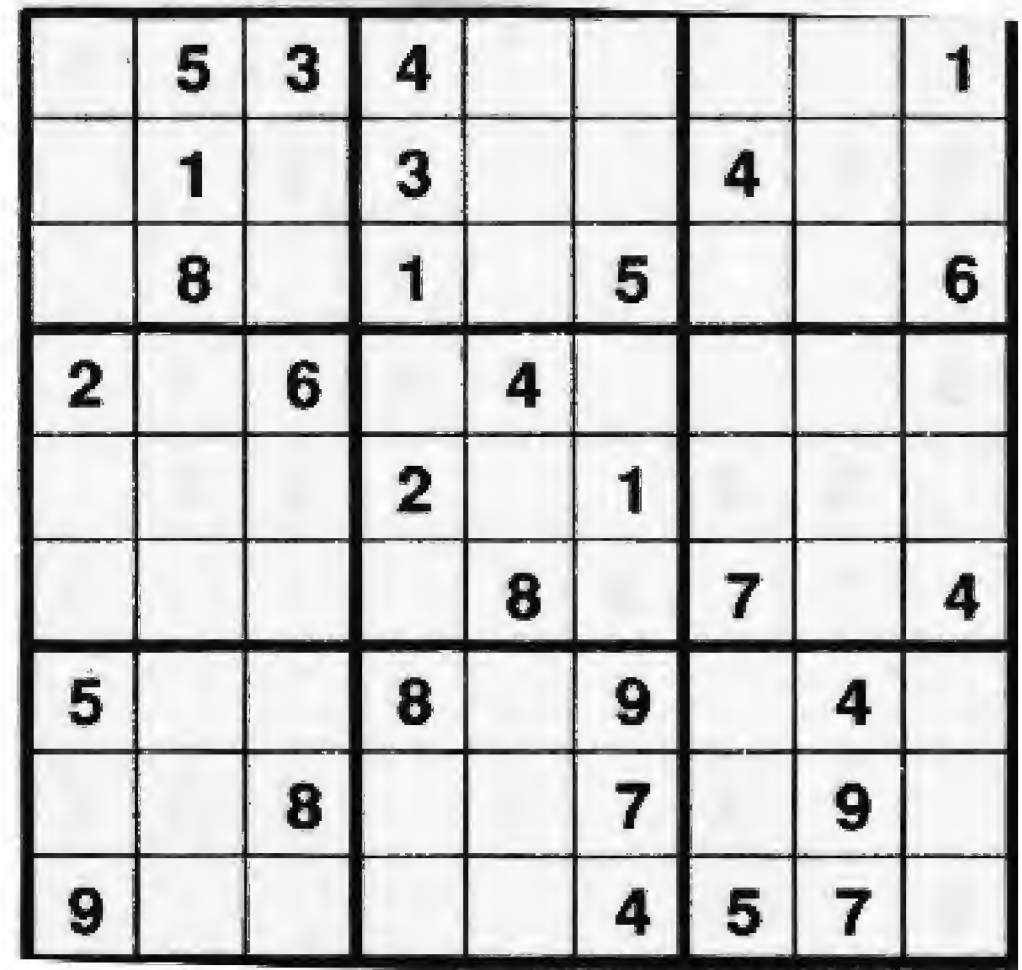
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Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Luisa's magical touch in the kitchen is what

first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations. As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home."

She is the Queen of the Kitchen."

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Ma-

machi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe prepara-

tion of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

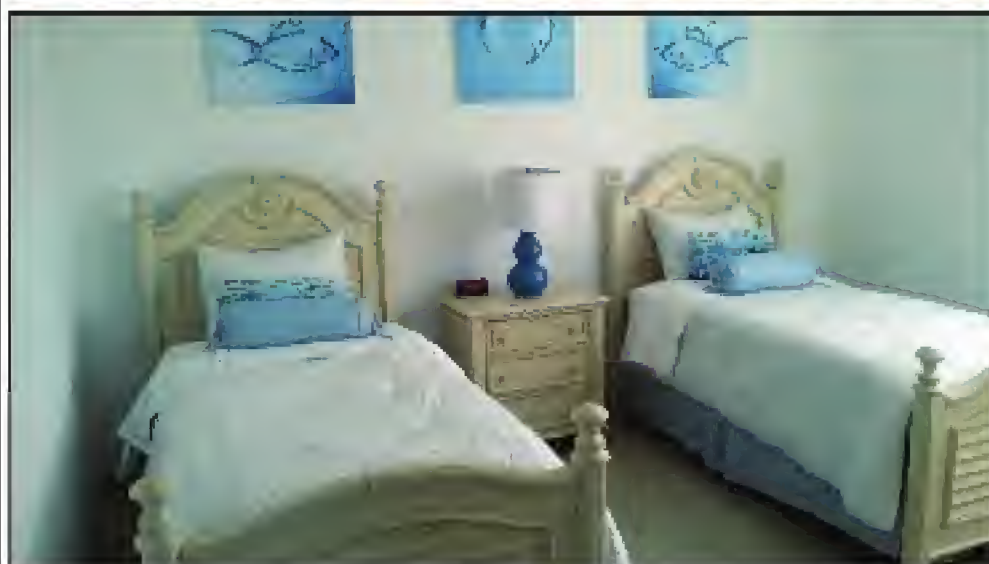
The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

[queensaruba.com/](http://www.thequeensaruba.com/).

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.

Acqua Condominium Aruba announces that construction has been progressing at a brisk pace



The East Tower, overlooking Palm Beach boasts 208 condos, spread over 14 floors. The two top building floors embrace 16 penthouse apartments with majestic views. The building is simply awaiting the windows and a few finishing touches, to conclude construc-

tion, very possibly by the end of this year. Following the completion of the elegant clubhouse, the tropical landscaped pool and the spacious parking lots, the condos will be delivered to their proud new owners. Ground has been cleared for the North Tower, which

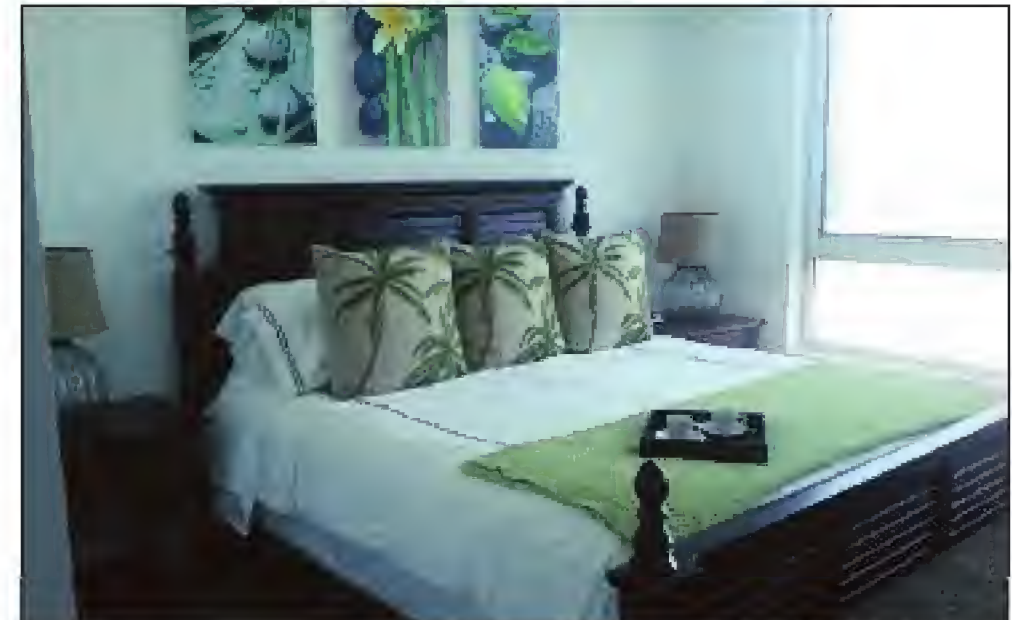
will follow as soon as the East Tower is completed.

A spokesperson for Acqua Condo Aruba reports that the project is receiving tremendous attention, particularly for the winter months. Snow-birds longing to reside in a vacation home on Aruba are now able to visualize this dream coming true, in a manner that leaves them utterly care free when not in residence.

Making the decision to purchase and acting on it quickly, was recently made even more imperative. In November of 2010, the island government of Aruba reiterated its commitment to a building moratorium for the next 10 years, making Acqua Condominium a truly unique investment opportunity, as it is the one and only high-rise condo project, on property land, in the island's most-desired location.

In view of the moratorium news, and the project's lucrative position, developers were compelled to discontinue the pre-construction discounts. Nevertheless, other purchase incentives have introduced. Special discount offers in effect at present are:

Pay 30% down payment and



get 10% discount, 50% down payment, get 15% discount, pay in full for a 25% discount. Prices start at \$ 296,800 for a 2-bedroom/2 bathroom apartment. Paying cash will allow the buyer to obtain this very same unit for only \$ 222,600 - remarkable savings!

Other incentives: The opportunity to profit from your purchase is also available to buyers when they place their unit in a rental pool year.

If the image of Aqua Condominium tugs at your heartstrings, you are invited to visit the sales gallery and the two elegant model-suites available for viewing, fully finished with luxurious touches and high-end amenities.

The sales center is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. nonstop, and Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You are invited to meet the sales team who will guide you through the purchase of the stylish condo of your dreams, allowing you to return to Aruba as often as you wish.

You will find the website very helpful.

Take a virtual tour and garner info regarding all legal documents, floor plans, furnishings and finishing at: www.acquaruba.com

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NBA: Young rallies Lakers over Raptors

TORONTO (AFP) - Nick Young scored 15 of his game-high 29 points in the fourth quarter and the Los Angeles Lakers rallied from a 19-point deficit Sunday to defeat Toronto 112-106.

Spanish big man Pau Gasol added 22 points and nine rebounds while Ryan Kelly scored 17 points and Kendall Marshall contributed 10 points and 11 assists for the Lakers, who improved to 16-25 with their first back-to-back NBA triumphs in a month.

DeMar DeRozan scored 23 points and Kyle Lowry added 21 to lead the Raptors, who had won six in a row at home. They fell to 20-19 but still lead the Atlantic division.

A 24-5 Toronto run capped by three DeRozan baskets put the Raptors ahead 50-31 with 7:34 remaining in the second quarter but the Lakers scored



the next nine points and pulled within 58-54 at half-time.

Toronto opened the third period with a 12-0 run but the Lakers went on a 12-2 run late in the quarter to seize an 82-81 edge entering the fourth.

"We didn't give up," Gasol said. "We started playing aggressive."

Young sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give the Lakers a 108-103 lead and played tough defense to force a miss from DeRozan. Young added two free throws for a 110-104 Laker lead with 20 seconds to play and Toronto's fate was sealed.

The Lakers outscored the Raptors 26-9 from the free throw line.

Football: Mourinho writes off United's title chances

LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho declared Manchester United's Premier League title defence over after his side's 3-1 victory on Sunday left the defending champions 14 points behind leaders Arsenal.

Samuel Eto'o scored his first Chelsea hat-trick to move his



side back to within two points of first place, and with United so far off the pace, Mourinho says it will be almost impossible for them to retain their title.

"It is hard. They are 14 points behind Arsenal, 13 behind Manchester City, and 12 from us," he said.

"Maybe one team collapses, but for three to collapse is difficult, so for them I think it is the fight to finish in the top four."

"They will do that with their pride and tradition and fight and hopefully they win against the other contenders, because now we do not play against them (United) in the league."

Chelsea had been on the back foot until Eto'o's deflected shot put them ahead in the 17th minute and United manager David Moyes agreed with Mourinho's assessment that the visitors "started better

than us".

"We did not deserve to be 2-0 down at half time," Moyes said.

"We had a little bit of bad luck with the first one, but we can't blame anyone else but ourselves for the other two."

"We did not defend well enough and did not get a chance like Chelsea got to score, so we can only blame ourselves for that."

United had captain Nemanja Vidic sent off in stoppage time for a scissor tackle on Eden Hazard, while Rafael da Silva was shown a yellow card for a two-footed lunge at Gary Cahill moments later.

Moyes felt that Vidic's dismissal was harsh, but he conceded that Rafael may have been fortunate to escape a red card.

"I thought Vidic wasn't a sending off, but I think Rafa's could have been a sending-off," he said.

Eto'o twice punished United for inattentive defending at set pieces, doubling the hosts' lead shortly before half-time after the visitors failed to clear a corner and then hooking home early in the second half after Cahill was granted a free header at a corner.

Mourinho had warm words for the 32-year-old Cameroon striker, having previously been critical of his performances following his move from Anzhi Makhachkala at the start of the season.

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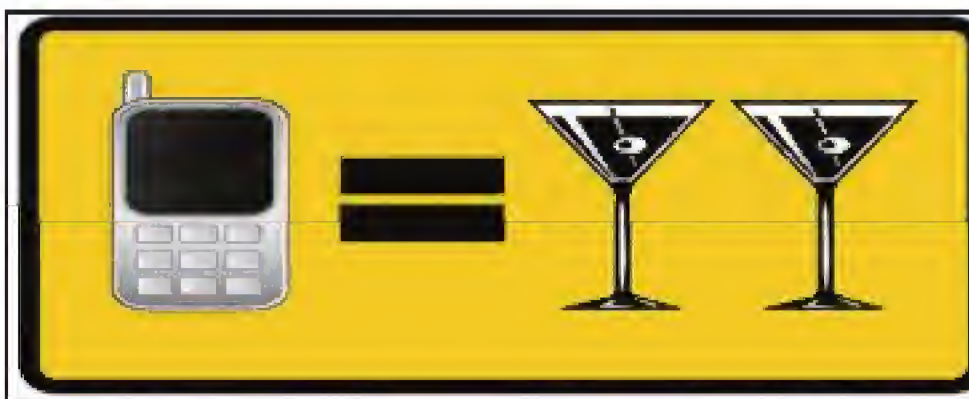
MILAN (AFP) - AC Milan's forwards Mario Balotelli (R) celebrates with AC Milan's midfielder Riccardo Montolivo (R up) after scoring a penalty. With late Mario Balotelli spot-kick saved new AC Milan coach Clarence Seedorf's blushes in a 1-0 win over Verona Sunday, which handed the struggling Serie A giants only their sixth victory of the campaign.



MELBOURNE (AFP) - An injury-hit Serena Williams crashed out of the Australian Open against Ana Ivanovic Sunday, missing the chance for an 18th major title and a rare calendar-year Grand Slam. As men's champion Novak Djokovic reached the quarter-finals with his 28th straight win since September, another Serb rubbed out the hot women's favourite and ended one of the longest streaks of her career. In a result which throws the women's draw wide open, Ivanovic capitalised on Williams' poor movement to take her first ever sets against the world number one, winning 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Afterwards, Williams said she was on strong medication for a back injury which almost prompted her to pull out before her third-round win over Daniela Hantuchova.

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NBA: Streaking Pacers pound Clippers



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - The Indiana Pacers strengthened their domination over Los Angeles, crushing the Clippers 106-92 behind Paul George's game-high 36 points by way of a 12-of-17 shooting performance Saturday.

Lance Stephenson flirted

with a triple double for the Pacers, who have now won three straight and five of the last seven games over the Clippers.

George went five-of-six from beyond the arc while Stephenson finished with 22 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as Indiana won their fourth consecutive National Basketball Association game.

Danny Granger and C.J. Watson added 12 and 11 points respectively, while Roy Hibbert finished with 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Pacers in front of a crowd of 18,165 at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse arena.

Jamal Crawford came off the bench to score 22 points but Los Angeles dropped to .500 on the road this season.

Blake Griffin bagged 19 points and DeAndre Jordan had 12 points and 17 rebounds as the Clippers had their five-game win streak snapped.

Indians led 28-18 after the first quarter and were up 57-41 before losing star David West, who was thrown out of the game for hitting Griffin in the head.

Griffin actually gave Los Angeles an early lead in the first but it was shortlived as the Pacers went on a 15-0 surge to assume control.

West finished with four points and two rebounds.

Baseballers sign on for new baseball season

ORANJESTAD - Baseball pitchers who have already signed on for the new season are in intensive preparation for the upcoming season which begins in the month of March. Every year after the regular baseball season our pitchers who have signed on come to Aruba for vacation.

After a few days of rest they begin to prepare for the new pre-season. Some of our pitchers live in the US while others reside in the Dominican Rep. and Venezuela.

Some are also attending school in Aruba.

Last week morning a group of pitchers met on the Nadi/Crismo field in Sta. Cruz (ex-Winston field) where the training under the guidance of professional baseball coordinator and trainer Eugene Kingsale of ABBA will take place.

We observed the different training techniques given these to these players. Together with Kingsale, there is a staff of experienced professionals giving the necessary assistance to our pitchers. These assistants are: Milton Croes Int. scout San Diego Padres, Edson Kelly Int. scout Kansas City Royals, Carlos Gonzalez Baseball Instructor and pitching professor, Edgar Croes Hitting Coordinator and Radhamis Dijkhoff Pitching Coordinator. The players to form part of the training are: Jiandido Tromp (Phillies), Sicnarf Loopstok (Indians), Raypatrick Diddier (Braves), Eugene Helder (Seattle), Mitchell Martis (Oakland), Juan Carlos Moncion (Indians), Xander Boogaerts (Boston), Randolph Oduber (Washington), Milton Croes Jr. (Kirkwood Community College, Iowa), Vijandrick Jacobs



(Detroit), Adarick Kelly (Toronto), Ross Ismael (Cincinnati), Chadwick Tromp (Cincinnati), Randy Young (Faulkner University).

The entire pitching staff expresses their gratitude to all who are contributing to their preparation, such as Urataka

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Everyone is invited to come and see our pitchers train and exchange ideas and fortify our relationship with these international pitchers.

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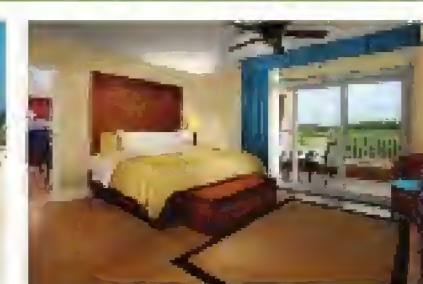
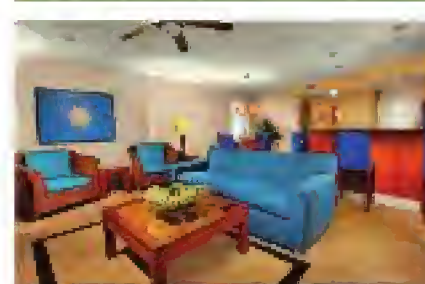
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Football: Barcelona held by battling Levante, Atletico fail to build on Barcelona slip-up



MADRID (AFP) - Atletico Madrid missed the chance to move top of La Liga after being held 1-1 at home to Sevilla on Sunday.

Earlier, Lionel Messi's first

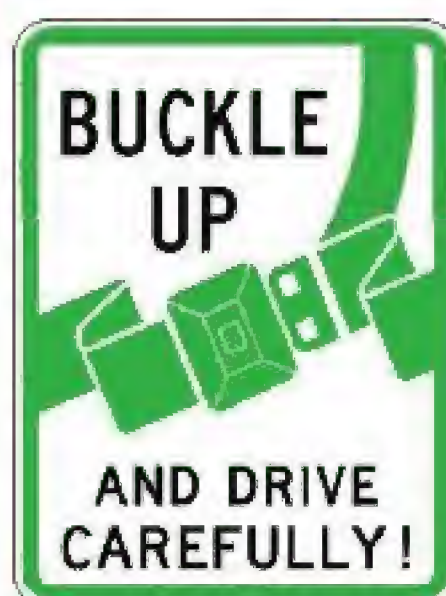
league start of 2014 couldn't inspire Barcelona to victory as they could only manage a 1-1 draw away to Levante.

That meant a win would take Atletico two points clear

at the top and they appeared on route to victory when David Villa opened the scoring on 18 minutes.

However, the visitors were awarded a controversial penalty when Juanfran pulled Carlos Bacca's jersey 17 minutes from time and Ivan Rakitic coolly converted from the spot.

A point for both the leaders means they now lead third-placed Real Madrid by just one point.



Snooker:

O'Sullivan wins fifth Masters title



LONDON (AFP) - Ronnie O'Sullivan won his fifth Masters title with a 10-4 win over defending champion Mark Selby in the final at London's Alexandra Palace on Sunday. World champion O'Sullivan all but put the result against his fellow Englishman beyond doubt by storming into a 7-1 lead at the end of the first session in the best of 19 frames contest. 'The Rocket', cheered on by some raucous fans in what is effectively a 'home' tournament given he hails from Chigwell, just east of London, then won the opening frame of the evening session. Selby, from Leicester in the English Midlands, did claim three frames in all during that second session to give the scoreline a touch more respectability. Just a year ago O'Sullivan, one of the most talented players snooker has known but with a sometimes volatile temperament, didn't play in the Masters but attended as a spectator amid suggestions he was on the verge of quitting the game completely. Selby, who defeated O'Sullivan in the 2010 Masters final, admitted he had been well-beaten this time. "Whenever he got the chance he put me under pressure," Selby said. "He's fantastic at taking his chances."